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1. REF B INFORMED EMBASSY OF SUBJECT REVIEW, WE QUESTION, HOWEVER, UTILITY OF THE PROPOSED VISIT TO PORTUGAL IN VIEW OF EXTREMELY LIMITED U.S. COMMERCIAL ARMS SALES TO PORTUGAL. ACCORDING TO GOP FOREIGN TRADE FIGURES, US ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY 0.9 PERCENT OF TOTAL PORTUGUESE COMMERCIAL ARMS IMPORTS IN 1976 (\$88,000), 0.7 PERCENT IN 1975 (\$71,000), AND 0.5 PERCENT IN 1974 (\$62,000). BULK OF IMPORTS FROM US CONSIST OF REPLACEMENT "BITS AND PIECES" FOR REPAIR OF EXISTING ARMS. TRADITIONALLY, SPAIN, WEST GERMANY, ITALY, FRANCE AND BENELUX ARE PORTUGAL'S PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL ARMS SUPPLIERS. WHILE 1977 DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE, WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE US MARKET SHARE HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.

2. IF GAO CONTINUES TO BELIEVE VISIT TO PORTUGAL IS ADVISABLE, EMBASSY FEELS THAT ONE DAY IN LISBON SHOULD SUFFICE. EMBASSY CONTACT OFFICER WOULD BE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, DAVID WILSON. PLEASE ADVISE.

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